

Planned native centre has the Terry Fox spirit

Today is the 25th anniversary of the beginning of Terry Fox's run across Canada. And it's a pretty auspicious day to start a fundraising drive.

Fox was brought down by cancer before he could complete his run. But no one could say he didn't complete his journey. He wanted to raise people's awareness of the disease and raise funds to find ways to combat it.

We think some young B.C. folks setting out today have Fox's determination. Their goal? Building a native youth centre for Vancouver's Downtown Eastside.

The \$30-million centre, a first for North America, would serve as a headquarters for existing native services, while offering new cultural, recreational and educational programs. It would be a place, in short, to provide these young people with hope for a better future.

We think it's something of which Terry Fox would have been proud.